GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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LEPROSY ERADICATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government made any review on Leprosy Eradication Programme;

(b) if so, when was the last review made;

(c) the position at present State-wise;

(d) the specific steps taken during the last three years in eradicating leprosy in the country, Orissa in particular; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to provide proper treatment of leprosy patients and also for their rehabilitation after they are cured?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. In the month of March - April, 2000 an independent evaluation of the programme was conducted. Also a review of the programme was conducted on 24th & 25th November, 2000 at the all India State Leprosy Officer Meeting at New Delhi.

(c) : A statement giving the present State-wise position is enclosed at Annexure - I.

(d) : Two rounds of Modified Leprosy Elimination Campaigns (MLEC) were launched in all the States including Orissa leading to detection of 4.64 lakh new cases in the 1st round and 2.12 lakh new cases in 2nd round.

In the State of Orissa 62,844 number of cases were detected in the 1st round and 27197 number of cases were detected in the 2nd round of the campaign.

Intensive public awareness campaigns and training activities for general health case staff at the Centre and the States/UTs were also undertaken under the Programme.

(e) : The public awareness creation activities, case detection drive, early treatment with Multi Drug Therapy, disability and ulcer care including reconstructive surgery for medical rehabilitation and training of general health care staff are important activities proposed to be taken.

For the purpose of socio-economic rehabilitation of leprosy patients, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment which is the nodal agency, is operating a separate scheme.

Sl.No.	Name of State/UTs	1981	March, 2000
1.	Andhra Pradesh	117.20	4.95
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	15.90	1.65
3.	Assam	7.50	1.38
4.	Bihar	54.30	15.20
5.	Goa	45.90	2.81
6.	Gujarat	29.30	1.80
7	Haryana	0.70	0.34

8.	Himachal Pradesh	16.40	0.43
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	8.30	0.93
10.	Karnataka	59.80	2.72
11.	Kerala	29.50	1.05
12.	Madhya Pradesh	23.00	4.60
13.	Maharashtra	63.70	3.93
14.	Manipur	42.30	1.00
15.	Meghalaya	45.60	0.42
16.	Mizoram	20.40	0.72
17.	Nagaland	64.90	0.39
18.	Orissa	121.40	11.46
19.	Punjab	11.90	0.61
20.	Rajasthan	2.90	1.13
21.	Sikkim	50.00	0.81
22.	Tamil Nadu	151.40	5.11
23.	Tripura	48.80	0.47
24.	Uttar Pradesh	37.90	6.02
25.	West Bengal	78.80	5.44
26.	A & N Islands	52.60	2.79
27.	Chandigarh	45.40	3.69
28.	D & N Haveli	20.20	11.90
29.	Daman & Diu	45.90	3.19
30.	Delhi	4.50	3.51
31.	Lakshadweep	250.00	1.74
32.	Pondicherry	125.00	3.25
Total		57.60	5.28